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8 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA—SANTA ANA DIVISION**

10 In re
11 2ND CHANCE INVESTMENT
12 GROUP, LLC,
13 Debtor.

CASE NO.: 8:22-bk-12142-SC

**OBJECTIONS BY LANTZMAN
INVESTMENTS, INC. AND LMF2
LP TO THE DEBTOR'S
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND PLAN (ECF #S 140, 139)**

Disclosure Statement Hearing:

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Judge: Hon. Scott C. Clarkson

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**TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT C. CLARKSON, UNITED STATES
BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE, THE DEBTOR, DEBTOR'S COUNSEL, AND
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

Secured Creditors and parties in interest Lantzman Investments, Inc. (“Lantzman”) and LMF2 LP (“LMF2”) (collectively the “Secured Creditors”), as serviced by Del Toro Servicing, Inc. (servicer for Lantzman) and FCI (servicer for LMF2) hereby object to the confirmation of the Chapter 11 Plan [ECF #139] and Disclosure Statement [ECF #140] of the Debtor 2nd Chance Investments Group LLC (the “Debtor”).

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIONS

Secured Creditors together hold the largest secured claim in this estate, which claims are secured by eight (8) of the fourteen (14) pieces of real estate listed in the Debtor’s disclosure statement [ECF #140] at pp. 22–23. Secured Creditors’ secured claims against those 8 properties total more than \$2.7 million. See timely filed proofs of claim nos. 48-1 and 50-1, as amended by 50-2. This combined amount comprises the bulk of the secured claims in the estate and, as such, Secured Creditors have standing to object to the Debtor's Chapter 11 Plan and Disclosure Statement [ECF #s 139 and 140].

GROUND FOR OBJECTION

Secured Creditors’ Claims are listed in Class 2¹, as impaired [ECF #139, pp. 20–ff], which provides: “[the Property] shall be transferred to and subject to the terms of the Liquidating Trust. The claimant in [Class 2] shall be paid pursuant to the Liquidating Trust.” A copy of the proposed liquidating trust is attached as Exhibit D to the Plan [ECF #139].

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¹ The disclosure statement places the following properties in the following subparts of Class 2: 2-8 (Byron), 2-9 (Meridian), 2-10 (151st Street, erroneously listed as 1551st Street), 2-11 (30th Street), 2-12 (Peachwood), 2-13 (E. 78th), 2-14 (Portal), and 2-15 (Marsala).

1 In addition, according to the Hypothetical Liquidation Analysis set forth in
2 Exhibit 2 to the Disclosure Statement, pursuant to § 2.3.1 of the proposed liquidating
3 trust, the Debtor proposes to transfer all trust property to the trust free and clear of any
4 and all liens, claims, encumbrances and interests except as set forth in the Confirmation
5 Order or the Plan. As a result, Secured Creditors object to the Debtor's Chapter 11 Plan
6 and its Disclosure Statement (ECF #s 139, 140) on the following grounds:

- 7 1. The disclosure statement fails to comply with statutory requirements.
- 8 2. The Plan is Not Feasible.
- 9 3. The Plan is Not Proposed In Good Faith.
- 10 4. The Plan Unfairly Deprives the Secured Creditor of its Rights under state
11 law, including the right to Credit Bid its Claim. Also, Any proceeds from
12 the sale of the properties subject to Secured Creditors liens must be paid
13 directly from the close of escrow and not turned over to the Liquidating
14 Trustee to hold indeterminately and paid out at his discretion.
- 15 5. The Plan Cannot be Confirmed Because the Impaired Classes are
16 Rejecting the Plan.

17 Each of these bases will be discussed further below.

18 ARGUMENT

19 STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND FACTS

20 Between January 2022 and August 2022, Secured Creditors entered into eight
21 separate agreements with the Debtor so that that could purchase certain residential real
22 properties (these are also listed in the disclosure statement [ECF #140] at pp. 23 and
23 25). The list below identifies the lender, the property address, and the date that the deed
24 of trust (“DOT”) was recorded. Copies of the recorded deeds of trust were attached to
25 the Secured Creditors’ proofs of claim (50-1 for LMF2 and 48-2 for Lantzman):

26 Agreements with LMF2:

- 27 1. 37915 Marsala Dr., Palmdale, CA 93552 (“Marsala”); DOT recorded
28 6/17/2022 as instrument no. 20220641678;

2. 1016 Portal Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308 (“Portal”); DOT recorded 6/7/2022 as instrument no. 222089912;

3. 1004 Peachwood Ct., Los Banos, CA 93635 (“Peachwood”); DOT recorded 4/21/2022 as instrument no. 2022015964;

4. 43933 30th St. East, Lancaster, CA 93535 (“30th St.”); DOT recorded 8/29/2022 as instrument no. 20220855698; and

5. 730&732 East 78th St., LA, CA 90001 (“E. 78th”); DOT recorded 7/14/2022;

Agreements with Lantzman:

1. 25641 Byron Street, Highland, CA 92404 (“Byron”); DOT recorded 1/4/2022 as instrument no. 2022-0004179;

2. 827 N. Meridian Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92410 (“Meridian”); DOT recorded 6/17/2022 as instrument no. 2022-0218661; and

3. 1611 151st Street San Leandro, CA 94578 (“151 St.”); DOT recorded 8/16/2022.

The Debtor had previously listed its interests in these 8 properties in its schedules [ECF #s 15, 64] and in the disclosure statement [ECF #140] and the Secured Creditors’ claims were not disputed.

What is in dispute, however, is whether and/or how much equity the Debtor may have in these 8 properties. On May 4, 2023, Lantzman filed an Amended Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay in this case on the Byron Property (see ECF #’s 131, 134), which is currently set for hearing on August 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. See ECF #s 160, 178. Grounds for relief included cause and lack of equity.

As set forth in the Motion recently filed on behalf of Lantzman [ECF #187], the Debtor and its chief restructuring officer, Mr. David Goodrich, had attempted to market² both the Byron and Meridian Properties. The highest and best offers they had received

² On April 13, 2023, this Court entered the order approving the retention of a broker to market these and other real properties of the Chapter 11 estate. ECF No. 102.

1 for these properties was insufficient to pay the Lender in full on its secured claim, as
2 well as all costs of sale, and there would be no proceeds left for the estate.³ As a result,
3 the parties agreed to stipulate to relief from stay for cause, including that there is no
4 equity in either the Byron or Meridian Properties for the estate. That motion is set for
5 hearing on approval of those stipulations on August 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. As a result
6 of those stipulations, and the recognition that there is no equity of the Byron and
7 Meridian Properties, those properties will need to be removed from any consideration
8 or treatment in any future plan.

9 Once the Byron and Meridian Properties are removed from the plan, the Debtor
10 will be left with 12 residential real properties. Of those 12 properties, 6 of them are
11 secured by the deeds of trust held by these Secured Creditors. Secured Creditors object
12 to the plan and disclosure statements for the reasons set forth herein.

13 **A. The Disclosure Statement Fails to Comply with Statutory Requirements:**
14 **Its Does Not Contain Adequate Information**

15 The Debtor's disclosure statement [ECF #140] fails to provide creditors and the
16 Court adequate information to make informed choices about the proposed plan and its
17 treatment of creditors. Pursuant to Section⁴ 1125(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, a plan
18 proponent may not solicit the acceptance or rejection of a plan of reorganization unless
19 the holders of the relevant claims or interests, as applicable, are provided, at or before
20 the time of such solicitation, with a disclosure statement approved by a bankruptcy court
21 that contains "adequate information" regarding the debtor's plan of reorganization.
22 Section 1125(a)(1) defines "adequate information" in relevant part to mean:

23 [I]nformation of a kind, and in sufficient detail, as far as is reasonably
24 practicable in light of the nature and history of the debtor and the
condition of the debtor's books and records, that would enable a

26 ³ As to the Byron Property, the proposed purchase price (the best offer received) was \$350,000, but the amount needed to
27 pay everything in full was \$353,358.16 (a difference of \$3,358.16). Kramer Decl. [ECF #188], ¶7. As to the Meridian
Property, the proposed purchase price (the best offer received) was \$360,000, by the amount needed to pay everything in
full was \$437,650.89 (a difference of \$77,650.89). Kramer Decl. [ECF #188], ¶8.

28 ⁴ All references to "Section" are to the Bankruptcy Code, 11 United State Code, unless otherwise specified.

hypothetical reasonable investor typical of holders of claims or interests of the relevant class to make an informed judgment about the plan. . . .

Section 1125(a)(1). Thus, a disclosure statement must, as a whole, provide information that is “reasonably practicable” to permit an “informed judgment” by creditors and interest holders, if applicable, to vote on a plan of reorganization. See In re Momentum Mfg. Corp., 25 F.3d 1132, 1136 (2d Cir. 1994); see also In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc., 179 B.R. 24, 29 (Bankr. S.D. N.Y. 1995) (the adequacy of a disclosure statement “is to be determined on a case-specific basis under a flexible standard that can promote the chapter 11 policy of fair settlement through a negotiation process between informed interested parties.”). This particular point, especially in light of its underlying notions of practicality and flexibility, also is underscored in the legislative history of Section 1125:

Precisely what constitutes adequate information in any particular instance will develop on a case-by-case basis. Courts will take a practical approach as to what is necessary under the circumstances of each case, such as the cost of preparation of the statements, the need for relative speed in solicitation and confirmation. In chapter 11 cases, there is frequently great uncertainty. Therefore, the need for flexibility is greatest.

See H.R. Rep. 595, at 408–09 (1977).

Courts are vested with wide discretion to determine whether a disclosure statement contains “adequate information” within the meaning of Section 1125(a). See Kirk v. Texaco, Inc., 82 B.R. 678, 682 (S.D.N.Y. 1988) (“The legislative history could hardly be clearer in granting broad discretion to bankruptcy judges under §1125(a) . . .”); see also In re Oxford Homes, 204 B.R. 264, 267 (Bankr. D.Me. 1977) (noting Congress intentionally drew vague contours of what constitutes adequate information so that bankruptcy courts can exercise discretion to tailor them to each case’s particular circumstances). This grant of discretion is intended to permit courts to tailor the disclosures made in connection with the solicitation of votes on a plan to facilitate the effective reorganization of debtors in a broad range of businesses and circumstances. See H.R. Rep. 595, at 409; see also Texaco, 82 B.R. at 682 (stating

1 bankruptcy judges have a clear congressional mandate to exercise “broad discretion in
2 their supervision of corporate reorganizations”). Accordingly, the determination of
3 whether a disclosure statement contains adequate information must be made on a case-
4 by-case basis, focusing on the unique facts and circumstances of each case. See In re
5 Phoenix Petroleum Co., 278 B.R. 385, 393 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2001). Disapproval of the
6 adequacy of a disclosure statement may be appropriate “where it describes a plan of
7 reorganization which is so fatally flawed that confirmation is impossible.” In re
8 Cardinal Congregate I, 121 B.R. 760, 764 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 1990).

9 In this case, the Debtor is misleading this Court and all parties in interest by
10 ignoring the undisputed facts, namely, that the real properties that purport to serve as
11 the vehicle to fund the so-called plan shall not yield as much money as the Debtor
12 asserts. Specifically, one of two options are available to the Debtor: either sell the real
13 properties AFTER payment of the valid and undisputed liens on those properties, and
14 then collect whatever equity may be available for the debtor, OR if a particular property
15 has no equity (as is the case with the Byron and Meridian Properties, discussed above),
16 then the Debtor has no business selling them through the Chapter 11 case. “A debtor
17 has no equity in the property for purposes of section 362(d)(2) when the debts secured
18 by liens on the property exceed the value of the property.” 3 Lawrence P. King, Collier
19 on Bankruptcy, ¶ 362.07[4][a] (15th ed. 2003); see Stewart v. Gurley, 745 F.2d 1194,
20 1195–96 (9th Cir. 1984) [when determining whether a debtor has equity in the property,
21 the court must consider “the amount of value of a property above the total liens or
22 charges”].

23 The primary purpose of a disclosure statement is to give creditors the information
24 necessary to decide whether to accept a plan. Section 1125(b). In re Dakota Rail Inc.,
25 104 B.R. 138, 142 (Bankr. D. Minn. 1989). “Adequate information” is defined under
26 § 1125(a)(1) to mean:

27 . . . information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, as far as is reasonably
28 practicable in light of the nature and history of the debtor and the condition

1 of the debtor's books and records, that would enable a hypothetical
2 reasonable investor typical of holders of claims or interests of the relevant
3 class to make an informed judgment about the plan, but adequate
information need not include such information about any other possible or
proposed plan.

4 There is no room for harmless error. The standard is one of materiality focusing
5 on the information needed by a "hypothetical reasonable investor typical of holders of
6 claims or interests of the relevant class." Section 1125(a)(1); In re Crowthers McCall
7 Pattern, Inc., 120 B.R. 279, 300 (Bankr. S.D. N.Y. 1990).

8 In ruling on a disclosure statement, the court should consider (1) whether the
9 disclosure statement contains adequate information to allow the typical creditor to make
10 an informed decision on how to vote and (2) whether the plan can be confirmed. In re
11 Dakota Rail, 104 B.R. 138, 143 (Bankr. D. Mn. 1989). Courts have considered the
12 following nonexclusive, nonexhaustive factors:

13 The following is a nonexclusive and nonexhaustive list of types of
14 information that should be included in a disclosure statement:

- 15 1. The circumstances that gave rise to the filing of the bankruptcy petition;
- 16 2. A complete description of the available assets and their value;
- 17 3. The anticipated future of the debtor;
- 18 4. The source of the information provided in the disclosure statement;
- 19 5. A disclaimer, which typically indicates that no statements of information
20 concerning the debtor or its assets or securities are authorized, other than
those set forth in the disclosure statement;
- 21 6. The condition and performance of the debtor while in chapter 11;
- 22 7. Information regarding claims against the estate;
- 23 8. A liquidation analysis setting forth the estimated return that creditors
would receive under chapter 7;
- 24 9. The accounting and valuation methods used to produce the financial
25 information in the disclosure statement;
- 26 10. Information regarding the future management of the debtor, including
the amount of compensation to be paid to any insiders, directors, and/or
27 officers of the debtor;
- 28 11. A summary of the plan of reorganization;

1 12. An estimate of all administrative expenses, including attorneys' fees
and accountants' fees;

2 13. The collectibility of any accounts receivable;

3 14. Any financial information, valuations or *pro forma* projections that
4 would be relevant to creditors' determinations of whether to accept or
reject the plan;

5 15. Information relevant to the risks being taken by the creditors and
6 interest holders;

7 16. The actual or projected value that can be obtained from avoidable
transfers;

8 17. The existence, likelihood and possible success of nonbankruptcy
9 litigation;

10 18. The tax consequences of the plan; and

11 19. The relationship of the debtor with affiliates.

12 Id. at 142–43.

13 In this case, a review of the facts and the above factors favor a finding that neither
14 the disclosure statement nor the plan meet the Code's requirements for approval. The
15 disclosure statement makes it clear that this is a Debtor with virtually no income going
16 forward, and in fact proposes to reject leases for those properties that have tenants. See
17 Disclosure Statement [ECF #140, p. 24–25.] The proposed "plan" is a liquidating plan
18 and proposes to set up a liquidating trust. ECF #140, pp. 15–16. However, the
19 liquidating trust is faulty for many reasons.

20 **1. The Secured Creditors Are Being Unlawfully Deprived of Their**
21 **Rights as Secured Creditors**

22 The liquidating trust proposes that the liquidating trustee will sell properties
23 and/or make disbursements to creditors on an annual basis; is also (by implication)
24 provides that all sale proceeds shall go to the liquidating trust to be dispersed by the
25 liquidating trustee at his discretion and after payment of administrative expenses.
26 See ECF #140, pp. Secured Creditors find this offensive for many reasons, including:
27 (a) they cannot be deprived of their rights as secured creditors and rather the Secured
28 Creditors' specific claims should be paid directly from each escrow, pursuant to a valid

1 beneficiary demand. See Exhibit 2 to the Disclosure Statement (ECF #140, pp. 88–89),
2 which demonstrates that the plan requires all proceeds to go to the liquidating trust. The
3 Debtor also cannot deprive the Secured Creditors of the right to credit bid their own
4 claims or get paid their secured claim directly from escrow at the close of escrow. Any
5 plan should provide that Secured Creditors’ claim be paid directly and in full from any
6 escrow—there is no valid reason for a liquidating trustee to hold funds that under all
7 applicable law should be paid to the secured creditor.

8 **2. The Secured Creditors’ Rights Are Not Being Adequately Protected**

9 As valid, perfected secured creditors under state law, these Secured Creditors—
10 who (as set forth in POC’s 48-2 and 50-1) have not been paid since months before this
11 Chapter 11 case was filed on December 21, 2022—have no way of knowing when or
12 how their claims will be paid. And as stated above, the current “plan” does not even
13 propose to pay these valid secured claims from an escrow but rather proposes that the
14 sale funds will be out into the trust to be used for litigation expenses, costs of
15 administration, etc. If these properties are worth less than the Debtor has opined (which
16 Secured Creditors believe, see, *e.g.* the stipulations for relief relative to the Byron and
17 Meridian Properties, ECF #s 183, 184), then it is wholly inappropriate for the Debtor to
18 sell those properties since it can expect no benefit for such a sale.

19 **3. There is no Time Limit Set for the Subject Real Properties to Be**
20 **Sold, and for the Secured Creditors’ Claims to Be Paid In Full**

21 For secured creditors like these—who have already gone close to a year since
22 receiving any payments on their claims (and who have received no post-petition
23 payments), such an open-ended provision is inappropriate and should not be
24 countenanced.

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1 **4. The Secured Creditors Do Not Consent to the Use of Their Collateral**
2 **to Pay Future and Unknown Costs of Administration of a Confirmed**
3 **Plan That Could Go On Indefinitely**

4 Section 363(c)(2) provides in pertinent part that a secured creditor's collateral
5 cannot be used, sold or lease without consent or authorization by the court. See also In
6 re Cascade Hydraulics and Utility Service, Inc., 815 F.2d 546, 548 (9th Cir. 1987)
7 [finding administrative expenses could not be paid from sale of creditor's collateral].

8 **5. The Secured Creditors Object to Any Attempt by the Debtor to Fix Its**
9 **Claims as to Particular Properties at a Specific Amount, Since by the**
10 **Terms of the Applicable Notices and Deeds of Trust, Interest, Fees and**
11 **Costs Continue to Accrue Until the Lien is Satisfied In Full**

12 A review of the relevant factors establishes, beyond doubt, that the Disclosure
13 Statement and Plan are, thus, fatally flawed. The Plan is not in the best interests of all
14 creditors.

15 **B. The Debtor Has Failed to Carry Its Burden With Respect to the Proposed**
16 **Plan**

17 “The debtor carries the burden of proving that a Chapter 11 plan complies with
18 the statutory requirements for confirmation under §§ 1129(a) & (b).” In re Arnold &
19 Baker Farms, 177 BR 648, 654 (9th Cir. BAP 1994). Section 1129(a)(1) requires that a
20 Chapter 11 plan comply with the applicable provisions of Title 11.

21 In this case, and as set forth herein, the Debtor's plan fails to comply with all of
22 the relevant requirements of Section 1129 and, as a result, it cannot be confirmed.

23 **1. The Plan is Not Feasible**

24 This Court may refuse to permit solicitation of plan acceptances if it determines
25 that the proposed Plan violates applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. In re
26 Beyond.com Corp., 289 B.R. 138, 140 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2003); In re Main Street AC,
27 Inc., 234 B.R. 771, 775 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 1999). “If, on the face of the plan, the plan
28 could not be confirmed, then the Court will not subject the estate to the expense of

1 soliciting votes and seeking confirmation.” In re Pecht, 57 B.R. 137, 139 (Bankr. E.D.
2 Va. 1986).

3 In construing the requirements of Section 1129(a)(11), the Ninth Circuit has
4 stated that “the bankruptcy court has an obligation to scrutinize the plan carefully to
5 determine whether it offers a reasonable prospect of success and is workable.” In re
6 Pizza of Hawaii, Inc., 761 F.2d 1374, 1382 (9th Cir. 1985). The plan proponent must
7 demonstrate concrete evidence of a sufficient cash flow to fund and maintain both its
8 operations and obligations under the Plan to determine feasibility. S &P, Inc. v. Pfeifer,
9 189 B.R. 173, 183 (N.D. 1995) (quoting In re SM 104 Ltd., 160 B.R. 202, 234 (Bankr.
10 S.D. Fla. 1993)). This is especially important when—as is the case here—the plan
11 provides for events to happen in the future—with no deadlines—and dependent upon
12 litigation. Courts require “credible evidence proving that obtaining that future financing
13 is a reasonable likelihood.” In re Seasons Partners, LLC, 439 B.R. 505, 515 (Bankr. D.
14 Ariz. 2010); In re Bashas’ Inc., 437 B.R. 874, 915–16 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 2010).

15 The Plan is not feasible and incapable of confirmation pursuant to Section
16 1129(a)(11) for many reasons. First, the estimated amounts of each of the claims of
17 these Secured Creditors is not yet known since they are subject to change based upon
18 the terms of the applicable promissory notes and deeds of trust. Furthermore, and as
19 stated above, the claims will not be paid when the properties are sold.

20 A plan must have adequate means of implementation. See Sections 1129(a)(5)
21 and 1129(a)(11). The Plan’s structure of a hypothetical future sales is not feasible under
22 Section 1129(a)(11) because the details of such sales is missing. See, e.g., In Re
23 Walker, 165 B.R. 994, 1003 (E.D. Va. 1994). See also In re Calvanese, supra, 169 B.R.
24 at 107 [liquidating plans are not an exception to the feasibility requirement).

25 Further, the only “support” provided by the Debtor is contained in its liquidation
26 analysis—Exhibit 2 to the disclosure statement, pp. 88–89, and the properties’ estimated
27 values range significantly (30th St.—\$259,000–305,000; Peachwood—\$340,000–
28 400,000; E. 78th—\$582,000–685,000; 151st St.—\$510,000–600,000; Portal—\$391,000–

1 460,000, and Marsala–\$357,000–\$420,000).⁵ These value ranges suggest that, in most
2 if not all cases, there will not be any equity in these properties for this estate.

3 Therefore, simply stated, the source of plan payments is illusory, the Plan violates
4 Section 1129(a)(1), and cannot be confirmed as a matter of law. It is not feasible.

5 **2. The Plan is Not Proposed In Good Faith**

6 The Plan is not fair and equitable as provided under Sections 1129(b)(1),
7 1129(b)(2)(A) and 1129(b)(2)(B) as it proposes an indefinite and hypothetical sale. The
8 liquidating plan proposes to strip these secured creditors of their state law lien rights,
9 without compensation, and for no good reason.

10 Furthermore, the Debtor’s liquidation analysis attached to the Plan and disclosure
11 statement is flawed and fails the “best interests of the creditors” test under Section
12 1129(a)(7). Debtor offers no other “evidence” of value but merely (as set forth above),
13 please a range of values as to each property. And, as stated above, these values ignore
14 the amount of the secured claims against the properties. See In re Reilly, 71 B.R. 132,
15 135 (Bankr. D. Mont. 1987).

16 Based on the information provided in the Disclosure Statement and Plan, the Plan
17 violates Section 1129(a)(1), and cannot be confirmed as a matter of law.

18 **3. The Plan Unfairly Deprives the Secured Creditor of the Right to**
19 **Credit Bid its Claim**

20 The Plan does not afford these Secured Creditors the right to credit bid at any
21 sale of the Property and, as a result, it violates Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(ii) and is thus not
22 fair and equitable under Section 1129(b)(1). See In Re Monarch Beach Venture, Ltd.,
23 166 B.R. 428, 433 (C.D. Cal. 1993) (explaining that the right to credit bid may not be
24 taken from the creditor and that a chapter 11 plan under § 1129(b)(2)(A)(ii) without
25 such credit bid cannot qualify as ‘fair and equitable’).

26 In addition, with respect to the ‘cram-down’ provisions of Section 1129(b), in the
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⁵ For the reasons set forth above the Byron and Meridian Properties are not included in this analysis.

1 event a chapter 11 plan proponent proposes to satisfy a secured claim by a sale of the
2 collateral, the proponent must afford the secured claimant the right to credit bid at any
3 sale as required by § 363(k). RadLAX Gateway Hotel v. Amalgamated Bank, 132 S.
4 Ct. 2065, 2073 (2012). This applies whether the plan proponent attempts to seek
5 confirmation of a plan proposing such a sale pursuant to Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(ii) or
6 Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(iii). Id. at 2072. See also In Re Monarch Beach Venture, Ltd.,
7 166 B.R. 428, 433 (C.D. Cal. 1993) [right to credit bid may not be taken from the
8 creditor, and denial of that right means the plan cannot qualify as fair and equitable].

9 These Secured Creditors also submit that the Plan’s proposed treatment is not fair
10 and equitable because it only appears to propose a hypothetical sale in the future at some
11 point, with an undefined marketing or sale period, and Secured Creditors would be
12 stayed from taking any action against the Property, presumably without receiving any
13 payment and without any defined default provisions should the Property not be sold or
14 actively marketed in good faith. See Matter of Martindale, 125 B.R. 32, 40 (Bankr. D.
15 Idaho 1995) [a plan is not fair and equitable where such plan proposed to retain right to
16 sell secured creditor’s collateral and thereafter surrender if no sale occurred; debtor
17 retained the benefits derived from the collateral while paying nothing to the secured
18 creditor]; see also In Re Calvanese, 169 B.R. 104, 107–08 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1994) [plans
19 where the debtor proposes to keep the creditor ‘on hold’ indefinitely while the debtor
20 seeks to sell real estate are “speculative ventures” and improperly place the risk on the
21 secured creditor].

22 In addition, these Secured Creditors submit that they are entitled to the full value
23 of their respective claims as to each real property [including accrual of interest at the
24 contract rate and any fees or costs] at the time of any sale, as provided by Section 506(b)
25 or otherwise under applicable non-bankruptcy law. See also Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(i)(I)
26 [‘fair and equitable’ treatment to a non-consenting secured claimant in a plan must
27 provide that the secured claimant retain its lien securing such claim, whether the
28 property subject to such lien is retained by the debtor or transferred to another entity, to

1 the extent of the allowed amount of such claim]⁶ and Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(ii)
2 [subjecting this sale provision to Section 1129(b)(2)(A)(i)]. And because the Debtor is
3 not paying any of the current costs of the properties, nor does it appear that the
4 liquidating trust will do so either, these Secured Creditors anticipate having to advance
5 more monies in the future for items such as property taxes and insurance.

6 **4. The Plan Cannot be Confirmed Because the Impaired Classes are**
7 **Rejecting the Plan**

8 These Secured Creditors hold the lion's share of the claims in impair class 2 and,
9 for the reasons set forth herein, will vote to reject a liquidating plan that contains the
10 existing terms. Since other secured creditors in class 2 have also objected to the plan
11 and disclosure statement [ECF #s 153 and 185] it is possible that there will be no
12 accepting class and, as a result, the Debtor cannot confirm a plan. See Matter of
13 Transwest Resort Properties, Inc., 881 F.3d 724, 729 (9th Cir. 2018).

14 **CONCLUSION**

15 The Debtor's disclosure statement, as amended, is inadequate and misleading,
16 and fails to fairly apprise all parties in interest of the true facts as well as the risks
17 associated with the currently-proposed liquidating plan. further the proposed plan is not
18 fair or equitable. As a result, these Secured Creditors respectfully request that the
19 disclosure statement not be approved, that the proposed liquidating plan be denied
20 confirmation, and for other such relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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22 Dated: July 5, 2023

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28 ⁶ See also In Re Sunnyslope Housing Limited Partnership, 859 F.3d 637, 646 (9th Cir. 2017).

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